

2024-2025

State Approval Status of Trafton Academy
Nonaccredited State Approved Non-public Private School

Our state-approved, nonaccredited status is assigned by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE). Details concerning our status are based on the following:

- Each year, upon receiving approval by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), Trafton Academy is classified by the Louisiana Department of Education as a “**Nonaccredited Approved**” school.
- Trafton teachers are both certified and experienced teachers.
- Our curriculum is state approved.
- Trafton Academy complies with **Brumfield vs Dodd**, a requirement to receive state and federal funds.
- **The State of Louisiana is not an accrediting agency nor is accreditation required of elementary/junior high schools.**
- Accreditation, if desired, is obtained through a private, for-profit business/organization **which requires the same criteria as the State of Louisiana.**
- Trafton is not now, nor have we ever sought accreditation by a private, for-profit entity due to the substantial cost which would be passed on as an additional expense to our parents.
- Most high schools are accredited as accreditation is necessary to earn college credits and TOPS Scholarships.
- Our state approved status allows us to seek high school credit for our students.

Trafton Academy completes the approval process every October. The state approval process, as noted below, is clearly stated on the website, Louisiana Dept of Education >School Choice > Nonpublic Schools:

NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS SEEKING STATE APPROVAL 2025-2026 APPLICATION

Nonpublic Schools Seeking State Approval must apply annually for approval by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

- To become eligible for state and federal funding, schools must be approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and also comply with **Brumfield vs. Dodd**, a federal court order that prohibits discrimination.

Louisiana does not have accreditation or licensing requirements for nonpublic schools. All schools, regardless of approval, must register with the state. State approval is optional and requires an annual review of curriculum and student performance.

GADD, LLC d/b/a Trafton Academy of Hammond, LA.
A nonpublic, state-approved school for 41 years!!